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For: **CATALYST CONVERTER**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of January 19, 2005. The three-month shortened statutory period to respond to the Office Action was set to expire April 19, 2005, which makes this a timely filed response to the present Office Action.

Entry of this Response is respectfully requested since it is believed to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal and does not raise any new issues that require further consideration and/or search.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow this application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in a listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office are the following:

- 1) Transmittal Letter; and
- 2) Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

If an Extension of Time under 37 CFR §1.136 is required and has not been separately requested, please consider this Transmittal Letter as including a request for such Extension of Time and as a further authorization to charge any fee for such Extension of Time, as may be required by 37 CFR §1.17, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112. Also, please charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in connection with this matter to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted,
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